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Good or bad, no one can deny it's been a hell of a year. We will soon say goodbye to this year, 2017, which has seen ups and downs that have undoubtedly left the nation exhausted and ready for a new beginning. Before we embark on a new year next week, let's take a moment to reflect on some of the biggest national events of 2017.

THE CHARLOTTESVILLE PROTESTS AND VIOLENCE

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1 A gathering of hundreds of white nationalists in Charlottesville, Virginia, took a deadly turn Aug. 12 when a car plowed into a group of counter-protesters and killed Heather Heyer. The attack occurred after rival groups fought pitched battles using rocks and pepper spray after far-right protesters converged to demonstrate against a plan to remove a statue of a Confederate war hero.

HARVEY WEINSTEIN SCANDAL BROKE

2 News broke Oct. 5 of Hollywood movie mogul Harvey Weinstein's alleged sexual assault of dozens of women, when The New York Times published an exposé. The New Yorker followed suit Oct. 23. Both accounts accused Weinstein of not only assaulting, but sexually harassing and intimidating high-profile actresses. Since then, more celebrities have come forward — most recently actress Salma Hayek. Weinstein's downfall inspired the #MeToo movement to take on a powerful new energy, with countless women — and men — outing their sexual assaulters in published essays and on social media.

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TRUMP'S REIGN BEGINS

3 President Donald Trump made shockwaves when he won the 2016 presidential election, and since then, the ride hasn't gotten any less intense. President Trump was inaugurated Jan. 20 in Washington. Later, then-press secretary Sean Spicer made headlines when he declared the inauguration crowd the biggest in the history of presidential inaugurations, despite photographic evidence to the contrary. The announcement set the tone for what would end up being a riveting year in the White House.

6 BIG 2017 STORIES WE CAN NEVER FORGET

LAS VEGAS SHOOTING

4 Gunman Stephen Paddock, 64, opened fire on a country-music concert in Las Vegas the night of Oct. 1 in the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history. Nearly 60 people were killed and 546 others injured in the attack. Paddock, 64, shot and killed himself as police closed in. The shooting reignited the debate about gun laws in the U.S., with attention focused on bump fire stocks, which Paddock used to carry out the massacre.

THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

5 On Aug. 21, a major astronomical phenomenon happened for the first time in 38 years. The Great American Solar Eclipse, in which the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, blacking out the skies, drew crowds of spectators across the nation to witness the rare celestial event. Despite its shadow, the solar eclipse was a brief reprieve from several dark moments in 2017, bringing together masses of captivated skygazers.

HURRICANE MARIA

6 The largest hurricane to cross Puerto Rico in nearly a century made landfall Sept. 20, killing 64 people, devastating the island's infrastructure and leaving residents without clean water or power for several weeks, in some cases months. Cases of leptospirosis, a potentially deadly bacteria, were reported in the weeks following the storm. The U.S. government received backlash for its slow response to the crisis.

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Six of New York City's biggest moments of 2017

From the mayor's not-too-shocking reelection and train delays, derailments and disasters to #MeToo and helping those in need, this was 2017.

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From President Donald Trump taking office to the power of the #MeToo movement, 2017 was certainly something, both nationally and locally. To the latter, let's take a brief look back at the year that was in New York City.

Delays, derailments and disasters

The Second Avenue subway opened in January after being proposed a century earlier, and it was pretty much all downhill the rest of the year for city straphangers.

We saw derailments at major hubs Atlantic Avenue and Penn Station, the latter of which had four alone. And speaking of Penn Station, let's not forget the two-month "summer of hell" track closures so Amtrak could make repairs.

Plus there were all those pesky signal-issue delays, that time an F train was stranded underground in Manhattan in darkness and sweltering heat for 45 minutes during rush hour.

Hurricane helpers

New Yorkers often get a bad rap, but when it comes to helping those in need, we roll up our sleeves or open our wallets, and the devastatingly destructive 2017 hurricane season was no different.

New York sent personnel and equipment to Texas, Florida, Mississippi and Puerto Rico after Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria made landfall in August and September.

The year of women

In a year women faced cuts in birth control access, Trump's boy's club in Washington and continued rampant sexism, they, nevertheless, persisted to be empowered by themselves and the movements cited below to make their voices heard, maybe more than ever before.

Power in protests

Since the 2016 election, Americans took to the streets to protest, as well as support, Trump's presidency, but the day after his inauguration, women brought the noise with the Women's March on Washington, the biggest single-day protest in U.S. history. Tens of thousands attended the New York march, which really kicked off the year in protest, from frequent rallies held outside Trump Tower to the March for Science and the #MeToo rally earlier this month that united sexual assault victims.

Terror tensions

In the span of 41 days, New York City experienced two terror attacks, including its deadliest one since 9/11, when Sayfullo Saipov drove a rented truck down a Lower Manhattan bike path on Halloween morning, killing eight people and injuring a dozen others.

On Dec. 11, Akayed Ulla detonated a homemade improvised explosive device in an underground pedestrian passageway between Times Square and Port Authority.

Mayoral election

Though Mayor Bill de Blasio easily won another four years in office in November, defeating Republican Nicole Malliotakis and independent Bo Dietl in the general election, it was still a historic win as he ended a 32-year drought for Democrats. The last Democrat to be reelected mayor was Ed Koch in 1985.

Despite facing increasing odds and sexism, nevertheless, women persisted in 2017, including at the Women's March in NYC the day after President Trump's inauguration. LENYON WHITAKER

GOOGLE SEARCHES

2017 Top 10 Google searches in NYC

1. Hurricane Irma
2. New York Yankees
3. Bitcoin price
4. Tom Petty
5. iPhone 8
6. Aaron Hernandez
7. Super Bowl
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1 **What household material was mined at the Wieliczka Mine near Kraków for over 700 years?**
A) Soap **B)** Salt **C)** Iron

2 **Karol Wojtyła was born in Wadowice on May 18, 1920. What name is he better known by?**
A) Pope John Paul II **B)** Tadeusz Kantor **C)** Joseph Conrad

3 **Which Pole discovered and named the chemical elements polonium and radium?**
A) Ludwik Zamenhof
B) Maria Skłodowska-Curie
C) Albert Sabin

4 **Tourism to Frombork Cathedral revolves around which famous Polish-born scientist, who was buried there in 1543?**
A) Johannes Hevelius
B) Nicolaus Copernicus
C) Tycho Brahe

5 **Which Pole was the top scorer in the 2018 FIFA World Cup European qualifiers, scoring a remarkable 16 goals in 10 games?**
A) Miroslav Klose
B) Jan Tomaszewski
C) Robert Lewandowski

6 **What should you do with a pierogi?**
A) Throw it **B)** Eat it or **C)** Frame it

7 **Which immigrant designed the original defenses at New York's West Point in 1778?**
A) Tadeusz Kościuszko
B) Kazimierz Pulaski
C) Marquis de Lafayette

8 **During World War II, Polish codebreakers laid the groundwork to crack what German military code?**
A) Morse **B)** Kryptos or **C)** Enigma

9 **What beloved role-playing video game series is based on the fantasy books by Polish author Andrzej Sapkowski?**
A) The Legend of Zelda
B) Wolfenstein
C) The Witcher

10 **Which film, starring Jessica Chastain, told the true story of how Jan and Antonina Żabiński rescued hundreds of Jews during World War II?**
A) "The Zookeeper's Wife"
B) "Schindler's List"
C) "The Pianist"

Answers 1. B) Salt. The mine is now a hugely popular tourist attraction, with over a million visitors a year coming to see the rock salt chandeliers and underground lake. 2. A) Pope John Paul II 3. B) Maria Skłodowska-Curie 4. B) Nicolaus Copernicus — the astronomer who, in the 16th century, established that the earth revolves around the sun. Copernicus worked at the cathedral as a canon. 5. C) Robert Lewandowski — this goal-machine striker plays his club football for Bayern Munich in Germany and is the all-time record scorer for the Polish national team. 6. B) Eat it. The pierogi – a sweet or savoury stuffed dumpling – is essentially Poland's national dish. 7. A) Tadeusz Kościuszko. There's a monument dedicated to Kościuszko next to Fort Clinton at West Point. 8. C) The Enigma Code. By December 1932, a team of three Polish mathematics students had figured out the basics of early Enigma machines and could read German encrypted messages. Their findings were critical to the work Alan Turing did later at Bletchley Park during the War. 9. C) The Witcher. The hit game, starring monster-slaying hero Geralt, has spawned two sequels. Between them, the games have sold more than 25 million copies. 10. A) "The Zookeeper's Wife." The Żabińskis gave Warsaw Jews sanctuary in their zoo.

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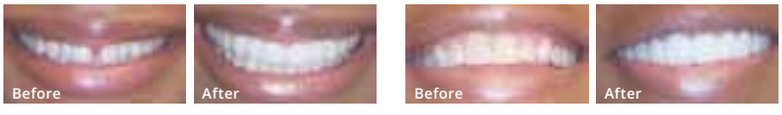

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1. There's crazy like a fox, and then there's just plain crazy. Mainly, it depends on the day.

2. Golf is a huge waste of time and energy … for all those other lazy presidents.

3. The early bird catches the tweet.

4. Alternate facts are better than real ones. Fake news is news I don't like.

5. Surround yourself with really ugly people. You'll seem better-looking that way.

6. Things can always get worse. Comey fired — will Mueller be next?

7. Don Jr., Eric, Ivanka and Jared: best argument ever for anti-nepotism laws.

8. Our president really could shoot someone on Fifth Avenue. Just ask the 35 percent, the ones raising their hands to volunteer.

9. To know him is not to love him. Nowhere are Trump's approval ratings lower than in his own hometown.

10. No one knew how complicated being president can be.

11. At some point, Republicans in Congress will turn on Trump. (You can laugh now.)

12. Who's Paul Manafort? Never heard of him.

13. Like Fifth Avenue, loyalty is a one-way street.

14. Demean the FBI, the State Department, the CIA and the federal judiciary. Sometimes, they forget who's president.

15. Watch eight hours of TV a day, ideally endless loops of "Fox & Friends."

16. Deny everything. Then deny that you denied it.

17. What the hell is "covfefe," anyway? We still don't know.

18. It's the Trumpitude, stupid: that constantly swirling mix of swagger, self-delusion and straight-face lies that comprise the very essence of America's 45th president.

Happy New Year!

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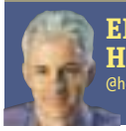

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Metro Magic wraps up with hundreds of toy donations from readers

Metro staffers hand delivered the toys in the New York office, while toys in Boston and Philly were picked up by local charities. ALL PHOTOS EVAN RODRIGUEZ

This year's Tony's Metro Magic toy drive was a success.

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Thanks to generous donations from readers, Metro was able to deliver hundreds of toys to underprivileged children in Boston, Philadelphia and New York City just in time for the holidays.

Metro's annual toy drive, Tony's Metro Magic, wrapped up earlier this month, marking the end of the drive's eighth year. The Coalition for the Homeless in New York City was working to distribute the toys to children last week.

"It's been hectic, but a really good kind of hectic," said Bev McEntarfer, camp director at the coalition for Homeless, as she collected toys from Metro staffers at the organization's Fulton Street location. Inside their distribution center, workers were busily sorting through thousands of toys.

In Philly, gifts from Tony's Metro Magic were distributed on Dec. 16 to more than 50 children and families from all over the cities through the Institute for the Development of African American Youth (IDAAY), which offers programs like that range from Intensive In-home Supervision and Out of School Time to College Bound, Young Fathers United and Don't Fall Down in the Hood.

"The smiles on the childrens' face is enough of a reward," said S. Archye Leacock, founder/executive director. "These children come from families where they may not always have enough, and without generous donations from Metro's readers, we wouldn't be able share these gifts with them. Thank you!"

Boston's charity organization, Heading Home got their Metro Magic toys on Dec. 13. Both organizations then sorted through the toys and distributed them to local kids.

Metro intends to keep Tony's Metro Magic holiday toy drive going for years to come.

"We sincerely thank our readers for supporting the kids in their community," said Metro managing editor Morgan Rousseau. "It was heartwarming to see the toys pile up in our office, and it brought our staff so much joy to help get them out to children in need. We hope it brought a touch of sunshine to their holiday season."

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The numbers just don't add up in the recent announcement by lame duck Governor Chris Christie of New Jersey and 2020 Presidential wannabe Andrew Cuomo of New York concerning their respective funding commitments for the Hudson River Gateway Tunnel project. Cuomo promised $1.75 billion, Christie $1.9 billion with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey kicking in $1.9 billion. They proudly claim coming up with 50 percent, or $5.5 billion, for the local share should justify Washington quickly kicking in the other 50 percent, or $5.5 billion, to pay for the Gateway Tunnel. Both Christie and Cuomo conveniently forgot that the total Gateway Development Corporation project cost is $29 billion.

Cuomo promises to come up with his portion of the local share by obtaining a $1.75 billion 35-year loan from the federal Department of Transportation Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing program. First, the loan has yet to be approved and would have to be paid back. Cuomo plans on paying back the loan by including a long-term reimbursement plan starting with the next April 1, 2018 - March 30, 2019 state budget. Ironically, this announcement coincided with another by New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli. He reports that state debt will reach $67.7 billion by March 30, 1018. Each New Yorker is responsible for $3,116 dollars. It will grow to $71.8 billion over the following four years. The Empire State is No. 2 of the 50 states in long-term debt. Only California, with $87 billion, carries more.

Gov. Christie's "friends" at New Jersey Transit propose financing their $1.9 billion initial contribution by attaching a 90 cent "fee" to riders coming to or from Manhattan starting in 2021 going up to $1.70 in 2028 and $2.20 in 2038. This might be used to pay back their own federal loan. Any proposed fare increase or surcharge would require public hearings followed by approval of the New Jersey Transit Board of Directors. Incoming Governor Phil Murphy and New Jersey State Legislature would also want to weigh in. New Jersey Transit fares have gone up five times for a total of 30 percent since 2010. This includes the most recent 9 percent 2015 fare increase. New Jersey Transit riders pay 50 percent of the cost per ride, which is more than most other transit systems around the nation. These fare increases help pay for operations including basic service and employee salaries. These proposed "fees" would be on top of other inevitable upcoming fare increases in future years. How many fare increases and "fees" does anyone believe New Jersey Transit riders will put up with?

The Gateway Tunnel project continues to mimic the ongoing MTA's LIRR Eastside Access to Grand Central Terminal project. In 2001, the initial estimated cost was $3.5 billion with a completion date of 2011. In 2017, 16 years later (based upon the 2016 MTA Federal Transit Administration amended Full Funding Grant Agreement), it's currently at $10.8 billion and could grow up to $12 billion with completion in 2023. Gateway is following the same historic path. Will it become our New York version of the infamous Boston "Big Dig" and cost $40, $50 or even $60 billion and be completed by 2038? Time will tell.

The Gateway Tunnel project "is one of the most important infrastructure projects in the country," New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has said. AMTRAK

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Analysis

Larry Penner is a transportation historian and advocate who previously worked 31 years for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

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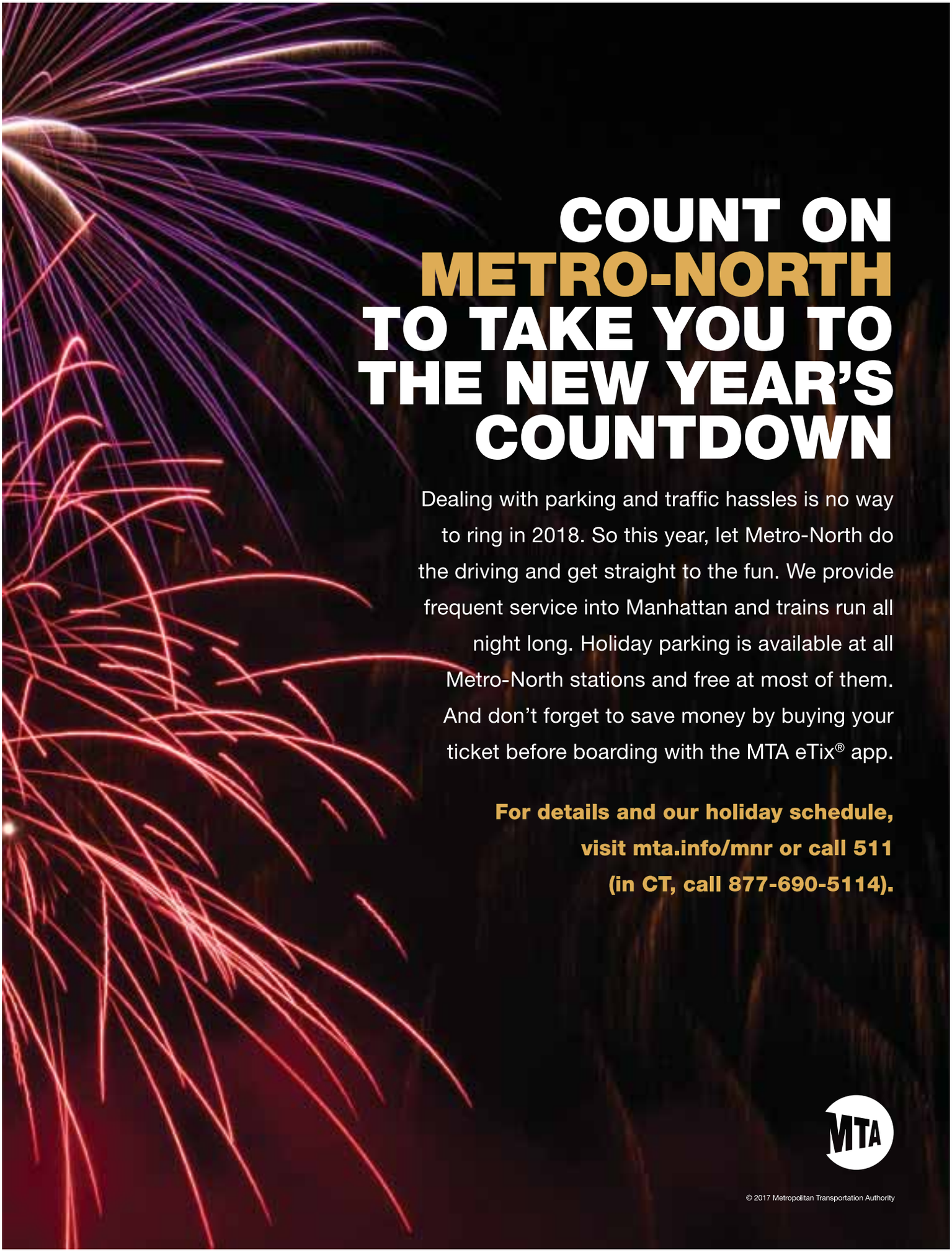

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Our *favorite* TV series of 2017

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"American Vandal"

The documentary-style crime drama — "Making a Murderer," "Serial" — is a hot genre, but will the audience still care if the stakes aren't life and death? Turns out that a parking lot full of cars with penises spray-painted on them lends itself perfectly to the format. Netflix's original series has been called a parody, but to me it was a rare realistic portrayal of how high school shapes every teenager's life, from the nerds to the jocks.
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"Big Little Lies"

I ate up the exquisitely shot, groovily soundtracked, ultimately female-empowering rich-lady drama of "Big Little Lies" and can't wait to indulge again for season two. Reese Witherspoon 2020.
Kate Mooney

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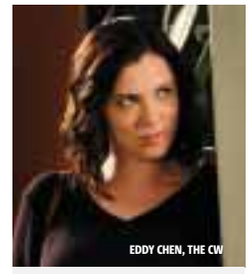
EDDY CHEN, THE CW

"Crazy Ex-Girlfriend"

"Crazy Ex-GIrlfriend" has always been good. But this season — with Rebecca confronting her demons, getting a diagnosis and moving on from Josh — has been so unexpected. Thankfully, just because the series is taking Rebecca's illness seriously doesn't mean it's any less fun. I count "Very First Penis I Saw" as one of the show's best musical numbers to date.
Rachael Clemmons

"Legion"

Taking a cue from "Mr. Robot," "Legion" constantly threw curveballs at its viewers this season with its mentally unstable protagonist, David Haller (Dan Stevens), making for one wild ride. Aubrey Plaza was the real breakout star of the series, though, and her take on the maniacal Shadow King is still haunting my dreams.
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The 6 best films of 2017

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"Blade Runner 2049"

"Blade Runner 2049" combines blockbuster sci-fi with genuine artistry to such a dazzling extent that it still boggles the mind that it actually exists. Director Denis Villeneuve expands the world with a patience that makes the film strikingly unique, especially when paired with Roger Deakins' visuals. The script has plenty twists and turns. And the cast? Pitch perfect. Sure it bungles its final act, but this is a film unlike any other.

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"God's Own Country"

A romance that managed to be both primal and understated, Johnny (Josh O'Connor) and Gheorghe's (Alec Secareanu) relationship developed in the unspoken. As a result? You become increasingly invested. Writer and director Francis Lee trusts the audience and as such, remains steadfast in his approach, making the film all the more powerful. The result is a tender and poetic take on love that is much more than the Yorkshire "Brokeback Mountain."

NETFLIX

"Jim & Andy: The Great Beyond"

Director Chris Smith could have gone overboard with "Jim & Andy." But by focusing on the parallels between Jim Carrey shooting "Man on the Moon" and Andy Kaufman's career, he creates a compelling examination of comedy and fame that feels particularly probing. It's also a reminder of the power of personality — and a warning to Hollywood that great art always comes from even greater risk.

"Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"

Martin McDonagh's "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" has such unerring fury, bite and humor that it sears into your brain. Especially with its brilliant lead, Frances McDormand, who is utterly commanding as Mildred. McDonagh manages to weave in various subplots while still building to a thought-provoking and testing finale that is the perfect mixture of satisfying and frustrating.

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"Lady Bird"

You can't help but fall in love with "Lady Bird." The film crackles with wit, drama and insight. But it also works as a period piece, teenage drama, rom-com, a coming-of-age tale and, a love letter to a hometown. Writer and director Greta Gerwig has an eye and cinematic voice that chimes so perfectly with Saoirse Ronan's performance that we can only hope the duo will work together for many more years to come.

"Get Out"

Jordan Peele's impeccable directorial debut was released back in February, and it speaks volumes that, despite that, it's still featuring prominently in best-film round-ups. How could it not, though? A zeitgeist horror-comedy-thriller that already feels timeless, "Get Out" is entertaining, thought-provoking and thrilling. A cinematic roller coaster unlike any other.

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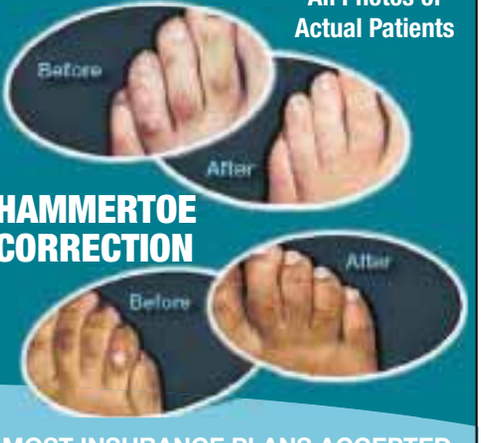

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The year in health and wellness

Here's everything we learned trying to stay alive in 2017.

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Spending time in a plant-rich environment can help alleviate anxiety and lower your heart rate. ISTOCK

In 2017, we all did our best to exercise and eat right, get a decent night's sleep, not drink too, too much, or go nuts from anxiety. Let's just say it was a trying time. These are our biggest takeaways from all the studies we read, experts we interviewed, workouts we tried and nutrition advice we heeded. Here's to a healthier 2018.

You should probably get a dog, or at least some plants

Scientific research and personal accounts can attest that having dogs makes for healthier, happier lives. A recent study published in Scientific Reports corroborates the health benefits of pups, finding that dog owners live longer, with a reduced risk of death from cardiovascular diseases and death of any cause. No time for a pup? At least get some plants in your life! Spending time in biophilic environments can have a calming effect and physical benefits too: A 2005 study found that plant-therapy sessions decrease the heart rate and lower blood pressure in patients.

We're all drinking way too much

In August, a study came out in the journal JAMA Psychiatry declaring alcohol abuse in America a public health crisis. The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism defines moderate drinking as no more than one drink a day for women and two drinks a day for men, to give you an idea of how much you're overshooting.

But pot is extremely promising

Studies have shown that cannabis can treat a number of medical conditions, from anxiety to seizures to chronic pain, and is proven to be a safe and effective alternative to opioids.

Strength training and rest are integral to staying fit

Do all the cardio you want, but if you don't keep your muscles and joints healthy with proper rest and strengthening, you could be sabotaging yourself.

Sports medicine doctor Jordan D. Metzl told us the secret to training for a marathon and not getting hurt is pacing yourself and incorporating plyometrics — bodyweight training exercises like burpees and jump squats — into your routine.

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The trippiest party

BangOn!NYC will bridge Time & Space at a New Year's party with the trippiest silent disco in the universe featuring a spinning planetarium, infinity rooms, psychedelic art, performers and, as ever, two stages of music. *Must be 21+, $75+, 9 p.m.-5 a.m., 485 Johnson Ave., Brooklyn*

Bubbles all night

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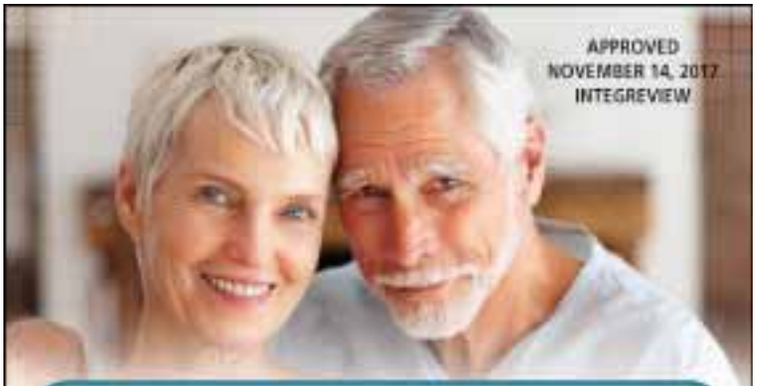

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Groove with Guetta

Grammy-winning DJ David Guetta will light up New Year's Eve with a set at Depot 52, a converted warehouse in Sunset Park. *Must be 18+, $109+, 7 52nd Street, Brooklyn*

Cocktails and pizza

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The places that don't want you

Sometimes, the economic boon brought in by tourist just isn't worth the strain it puts on the destinations. Venice recently banned the docking of cruise ships because of the damage they do to the lagoon's ecosystem.

The Taj Mahal

Anyone who's taken the time to craft a bucket list has probably placed the Taj Mahal pretty close to the top. But as with any great beauty, there's upkeep involved.

The Archeological Survey of India determined that the Taj Mahal's dome (as well as four minarets) would undergo mud-pack therapy in order to correct the surface's yellowing. This was to be wrapped up by March of 2018, but now officials are saying work won't *begin* until March of 2018. So unless your dream Taj Mahal visit involves being photographed standing in front of a mudcaked and scaffolded dome, maybe give it until 2019 at the earliest.

Myanmar

Since Aug. 25, the UN has labeled the human-rights violations by Myanmar's military as a "textbook case" of ethnic cleansing. What is happening to the Rohingya, members of a local ethnic Muslim minority, has been described as "horrific" and compared to the Rwandan genocide. In the past few months, 600,000 have fled to neighboring Bangladesh to a camp that is growing so quickly it can be seen by satellite.

Missouri

The Show-Me State is full of wonders that belong on anyone's travel bucket list. It's home to breathtaking limestone caverns, the Budweiser Clydesdales, Kansas City-style BBQ, great jazz, the Silver Dollar City Amusement Park, and even a museum that purports to house the holy finger of John the Baptist.

Unfortunately, Missouri is also the place where SB 43 was passed, making it more difficult to sue employers for discrimination, a state representative argued that homosexuals weren't human beings, a tourist who got lost and ran out of gas was later found murdered in his jail cell without ever being put under arrest, and two men were hunted down and shot on suspicion of being Muslim on the outskirts of Kansas City.

Great Wall of China and Beijing

The Great Wall of China's status as one of the Seven Wonders of the World is indisputable. With a more recent archaeological study determined that the wall is 13,000 miles long it's perhaps the foremost architectural feat in the world. Yet, at the current rate, it's in danger of going the way of other such Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Despite having survived for nearly two millennia, the Great Wall is under threat from a number of sources — mining, erosion, graffiti, construction, and even rural farmers who have taken to turning the structure into shelters and fertilizer. Oh, and that all too omnipresent force of destruction — tourism overload.

The sections of the wall that are best preserved can be accessed via Beijing … which might make for a better destination once its plan to reduce the city's overwhelming smog has had time to result in more lung-friendly conditions.

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And just like that, another year is in the books.

As we at Metro prepare to kiss 2017 goodbye, we can't help but take a moment and think back to all the big events that got us here.

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When it comes to the sports department here in New York, there was rarely a dull moment.

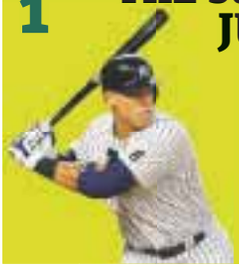
With nine professional sports teams in the New York metropolitan area, there is no such thing as downtime for sports fans here. Something tells me that New Yorkers wouldn't want it any other way.

During this calendar year, we've seen the teams around this city experience very high peaks and disappointingly low valleys. New stars have emerged while familiar faces have departed. And the rabid fan bases that support them stayed as passionate as ever.

Here are the top storylines in New York sports this year.

As always, thank you for reading, and I can't wait for what 2018 holds for all of us.

1 THE SUMMER OF JUDGE



Aaron Judge electrified New York this season, putting up one of the best rookie seasons in MLB history with a record 52 home runs on his way to American League Rookie of the Year honors.

2 A GIANT DISASTER

A season that began with NFC East title aspirations quickly became a nightmare. The Giants crashed and burned toward the bottom of the league standings as one of its worst teams, resulting in the firing of head coach Ben McAdoo and general manager Jerry Reese.

3 MOVING MELO

The much-anticipated split between Carmelo Anthony and the Knicks came to fruition shortly before the start of the regular season as the All-Star waived his no-trade clause to be sent to the Oklahoma City Thunder.

4 MEET THE MESS

Once again, injuries swept through the Mets clubhouse this season as they lost Noah Syndergaard, Yoenis Cespedes, Jeurys Familia and many others for extended periods of time. It was a big reason they finished near the bottom of the NL East.

5 BABY BOMBERS' IMPROBABLE RUN

In what was supposed to be a rebuilding year, the Yankees rode a young core to a Wild Card berth, defeating the Minnesota Twins before downing the Cleveland Indians in the ALDS. They were one win away from the pennant, falling to Houston.

6 BYE, PHIL-ICIA

A wild summer almost saw former Knicks GM and VP Phil Jackson trade away Kristaps Porzingis while clashing with ownership about Carmelo Anthony's future with the team. Melo's drama was the last straw for the club, who fired Jackson just days after selecting Frank Ntilikina in the NBA draft.

7 ELI'S BENCHING

As one final twist of the knife to Giants fans before being fired, former head coach Ben McAdoo benched Eli Manning for the team's Week 13 matchup against the Oakland Raiders, ending the veteran's streak of 210-consecutive games started, the second-longest in NFL history.

8 ISLES HEADED HOME

After much speculation, the Islanders finally found a stable, hockey-first home of their own at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York. The club will likely leave Brooklyn after the 2018-19 season and return to Nassau County on Long Island.

9 SO MUCH FOR THE TANK

Not many people expected the Jets to win more than a game or two in 2017. But head coach Todd Bowles inspired his team to exceed expectations this season. Before a broken hand ended his season, Josh McCown proved that he can still kick it in the NFL, winning five games.

10 BASH BROS., PART DEUX

While the Yankees were almost lovable after their surprising run to the ALCS, the "Evil Empire" officially returned when they hooked up with former shortstop and Marlins owner Derek Jeter, trading for reigning home run champion and NL MVP Giancarlo Stanton to add even more punch to a potent lineup.

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INDEX NO. 22465/13
Dominic A. Villoni, Esq., Referee

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SUPREME COURT:
QUEENS COUNTY
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. IVAN MANSTRA; KAMALA MANSTRA; et al; Defendant(s)
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600
Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about February 2, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, located at 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NEWYORK, IN COURTROOM # 25. On January 19, 2018 at 10:00 am. Premises known as 21634 113TH STREET, QUEENS, NY 11429 Block: 11233 Lot: 23
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INDEX NO. 18262/2010
Joseph Trotti, Esq., Referee

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a license, Number Pending for Beer & Wine has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Beer & Wine at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 101-19 37th Ave., Corona, NY 11368. Queens County, for on premises consumption. El Sabor Azogueno Bakery & Restaurant Corp.

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STATE OF NEW YORK
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JOY CHIANG, CHIA HUEY CHOU, et al., Defendants
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The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 705024/2016 in the amount of $232,887.29 plus interest and costs.
Victoria E. Munian, Esq.
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Plaintiff's Attorney
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SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS,
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, DOING BUSINESS AS CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR BCAT 2015-13ATT, Plaintiff, vs. RAKESH RANI; JEET SINGH, ET AL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 22, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, Courtroom 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY on January 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., premises known as 80-47 251st Street, Bellerose, NY.
All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Queens, County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block 8564 and Lot 46.
Approximate amount of judgment is $536,220.28 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 23624/12.
Kerry Katsorhis, Esq., Referee
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, 38-12 ASTORIA BLVD LLC, Plaintiff, vs. CANUTO RAMOS, ALBERTO RAMOS, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on January 03, 2017, I, the Undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, Courtroom 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY on January 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., premises known as 87-11 32 Avenue, a/k/a 87-11 32nd Avenue, East Elmhurst, NY 11369. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Queens, County of Queens, City and State of New York, Block 1399 and Lot 34. Approximate amount of judgment is $926,299.84 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 2187/2010. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Referee.
Steven Wimpfheimer, Esq. Referee
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN MORTGAGE TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3, Plaintiff Against PASANG SHERPA, CHHIME G. SHERPA, DENZINGSHERB SHERPA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 11, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Court Room # 25, Jamaica, N.Y. on the 5th day of January, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Second Ward, of the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 9030 70th Drive, Forest Hills, N.Y. 11375 (Block: 3896, Lot: 23)
Approximate amount of lien $ 793,154.83 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.
Index No. 20211-09 Peter Wolf, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C.
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COUNTY OF QUEENS
CHRISTIANA TRUST, A DIVISION OF WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT AS TRUSTEE OF ARLP TRUST 3, Plaintiff against JOSE GERARDO RENGIFO A/K/A JOSE G. RENGIFO, et al Defendants
Pursuant to a judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 31, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Courtroom # 25, Jamaica, N.Y. on the 19th day of January, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. premises described as follows:
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Said premises known as 148-22 59th Avenue, Flushing, N.Y. 11355. Block: 6424, Lot: 50.
Approximate amount of lien $934,127.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.
Index No. 709091-14.
Lawrence M. Litwack, Esq., Referee.
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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY IXIS REAL ESTATE CAPITAL TRUST, 2006-1, Plaintiff AGAINST NURUN N. CHOWDHURY, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 03, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse in Courtroom # 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on January 19, 2018 at 10:00AM premises known as 116-17 166TH STREET, JAMAICA, NY 11434. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, BLOCK 12348, LOT 12348.
Approximate amount of judgment $747,418.89 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 15261/07.
Alexander C Pabst, Esq., Referee
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SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS,
BANK AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff, vs.
ANTHONY TIMS A/K/A ANTHONY D. TIMS, ET AL.,
Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on August 02, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, Courtroom 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY on January 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., premises known as 191-02 110th Road, Saint Albans, NY.
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Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 14527/13.
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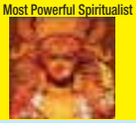

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1 Smooth-pated
5 Went very slowly
10 Actor -- Baldwin
14 Tony's cousin
15 Anxious to start
16 Waiter's offering
17 Mix batter
18 Substantial
19 Roulette color
20 Disco flasher
22 Prepares to land
24 Vases with feet
26 66 and I-80
27 Function
30 Carved the turkey
34 NBA player
35 India neighbor
38 Huge
39 Imitate
40 Small coins
42 Clumsy boat
43 Rounds of applause
46 Spring month
48 Winged insect
49 Houston ball team
51 Orchestra members
53 Contented murmurs
55 Urges
56 Agendas
60 Chutney, e.g.
64 Grass
65 Danke, in Dijon
67 Ferber or Best
68 Kind of molding
69 Extremely
70 Bench sitters
71 Housefly, to humans
72 Wood finish
73 Tree fluids

Down

1 Cuts short
2 Help with a heist
3 Fish-story teller
4 Slow route
5 Glued tight
6 "Norma --"
7 Mild rejoinder
8 Sellers or O'Toole
9 Secret meetings
10 Memory gap
11 Uris of "Topaz"
12 Oklahoma town
13 Mongrels
21 Grain husks
23 Biology topic
25 Brown-tinted photo
27 Plains tribe
28 Daddies
29 Social gathering
31 Ill-tempered ones
32 Long-plumed bird
33 Fakes out, on the rink
36 Current meas.
37 Composer -- Anderson
41 Omsk native
44 Old cop show
45 Fly upward
47 Solitary
50 Private eye
52 Small land masses
54 Make steel from iron
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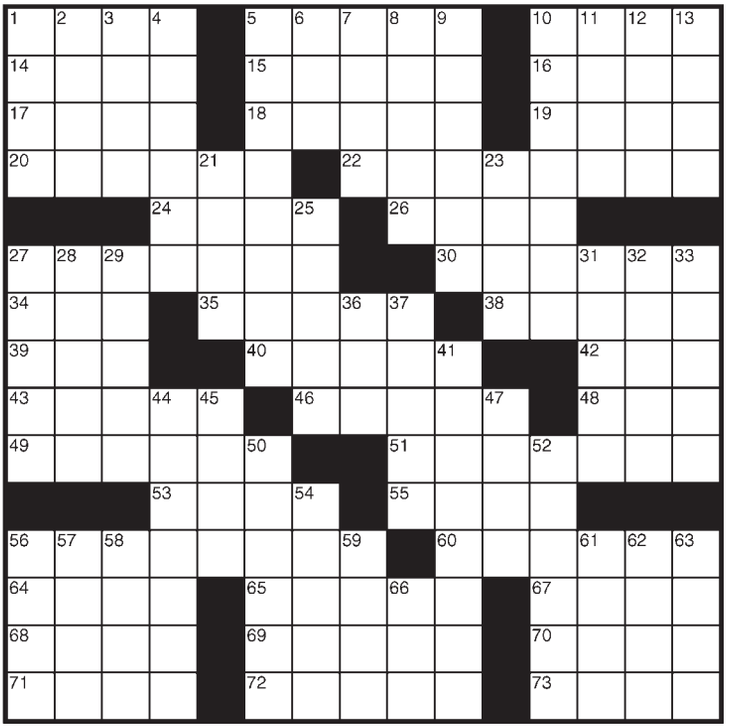

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Aries A short trip will give you a chance to reflect and reassess your current situation. Personal changes may be necessary to reverse a problem you face with a loved one.

Taurus Plan a trip with a loved one or take on a creative project to ease your stress. Nurturing an important relationship will bring you and the other party closer together.

Gemini Look over personal papers and make sure you have taken care of any necessary updates. A cautious approach to your finances will help ease stress.

Cancer Get involved in community projects. Share the evening with a person you love to be around. A physical or creative activity will motivate you to take on a new venture.

Leo Emotions will surface if you have been taking on too much debt or have not pulled your weight or taken care of your responsibilities. Step up and get things done.

Virgo Get involved in social events going on in your community. Participate in life and look for ways to update your look or meet new people. Companionship is highlighted.

Libra Don't feel the need to spend on frivolous entertainment when trying to impress someone. Only offer what you feel comfortable spending your money on.

Scorpio Share your feelings and show those you love how much you care. A little romance or a celebration with friends will get you in the spirit of the season.

Sagittarius Don't give in too easily when you should be cautious if someone asks you for help. Don't let anyone play on your emotions or take advantage of your generosity.

Capricorn Consider what you want to do or where you see yourself this time next year, and lay out a game plan that will help you achieve your goals.

Aquarius Refuse to let an emotional situation lead to a costly event. Listen to what others want or are asking for, but don't be too quick to pay for someone else's mistake.

Pisces Tidy up any unfinished business so that you can focus on the end-of-year festivities. An interesting proposition will grab your attention. EUGENIA LAST

Yesterday's answers

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